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Fact Sheet

METROLINK'S HOLIDAY TOY EXPRESS and THE SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

- Metrolink's Holiday Toy Express Train, which started in 1997, is a 450-ton Metrolink train decorated with giant glittering ornaments and more than 50,000 twinkling lights.
- The Holiday Toy Express was designed to provide an enjoyable community-based holiday experience for Metrolink riders, their families, and residents who live near our stations.
- Additionally, the program encourages audience members to share their holiday spirit with others by donating toys to the Southern California Firefighters' Spark of Love Toy Drive.
- The Spark of Love Toy Drive is an annual campaign to collect toys and sports equipment for the less fortunate children throughout Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Orange Counties. In 2002 the Spark of Love collected more than 490,000 toys for needy children.
- This year marks the 11th anniversary of the Spark of Love Toy Drive.
- Fire Agencies participating in the Spark of Love Toy Drive: Local Firefighters throughout the five-county areas of Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura.
- This year the Holiday Toy Express will make stops at 45 Metrolink stations in 6 counties on weekend evenings between November 22 and December 21.